



Nationwide Spider Lift & Specialist Hire

**Training Prospectus**

# At Higher Access our business revolves around working safely at height.

As a result, we're committed to ensuring all Operators of our Spiderlifts have a full understanding of the practices and procedures needed to ensure safe and responsible working at height. Under the current health and safety legislation employers are obliged to train employees in the use of work equipment - and that includes tracked boom lifts hired from us. For further details on current regulations see our website – **[higheraccess.co.uk/training](https://higheraccess.co.uk/training)**.

We are an IPAF Training Centre and as such are able to provide certification to IPAF's rigorous standards. This includes the various MEWP categories (see last page of prospectus for details) along with the following courses:

**Harness (H)**  
**Load/Unload (LOAD)**  
**MEWPs for Managers (MM)**

We can tailor our training courses to meet your specific requirements. Higher Access has purposed training facilities but we also appreciate that hosting tracked boom lift training or any of our Working at Height courses can be more effective when held at your own premises. This enables you receive the training most pertinent to your needs and is less disruptive to your normal business practice. If you have suitable facilities available, talk to one of our team and we'll be happy to hold your spiderlift and Working at Height training at your location.

**For the latest training information including schedules and prices, call us on: 08456 044054 or email: [training@higheraccess.co.uk](mailto:training@higheraccess.co.uk).**

# IPAF Operator Training

**This programme is designed for the operators of Mobile Elevated Work Platforms (MEWPs) and for those wishing to learn how to operate MEWPs.**

## Course Duration

1-3 days depending on experience

## Entry Criteria

As the assembly and use of MEWPs can be physically demanding, users should be physically fit and in good health and should, generally, not have problems with eyesight or hearing, heart disease, high blood pressure, epilepsy, fear of heights/vertigo, giddiness/difficulty with balance, impaired limb function, alcohol or drug dependence or psychiatric illness.

If you have any problems with literacy or language comprehension, or have any doubts about your fitness to use MEWPs, you must bring them to the attention of your employer. This need not preclude you from using MEWPs, provided your employer conducts an assessment and is able to put into place adequate measures to take account of any difficulties you may have.

## Aim

To instruct an operator to prepare and safely operate various types of Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWPs) and to obtain an IPAF MEWP Operators Licence.

## Objectives

At the end of the course the operator will:

- **Be aware of the relevant Health & Safety regulations.**
- **Be aware of accident prevention and control.**
- **Be aware of the needs regarding personal protection.**
- **Be aware of the need to refer to the machine Operating Manual.**
- **Drive the MEWP safely and manoeuvre the machine as required, to correctly position and carry out the required tasks in a correct and proper manner, inside and outside a building.**

## Theory

The operator should know:

- **The pre-use checks and daily maintenance to be carried out prior to commencing work.**
- **The correct and safe method of operating the specific machine.**
- **The correct emergency procedures, capacities and limitations to enable safe operation.**
- **Selection and use of fall protection equipment covering, as a minimum, anchorage points in platforms, harness standards, explanation of fall arrest, lanyard types, harness inspection, use and correct fitting, rescue procedures, current recommendations [HSE & IPAF H1/05/05].**

# Prospectus

(Start time may vary)

## 0830 hrs

### Introduction

Equipment and information brought by the students (hard hats, gloves, steel toe capped boots, harnesses with correct lanyards, warm clothing, and hi-viz vests), Facilities, PAL Card overview and Pre-course theory test.

### Regulations

ISO 18878, European, HSWA, PUWER, LOLER, MHSW, WAHR and RIDDOR.

### MEWP Categories

Different types of MEWP and their description and other courses available.

## 1000 - 1015 hrs

### Coffee Break

## 1015 hrs

### Structural Parts

Stabilising, levelling, chassis drive options, turntable, boom/scissor pack and MEWP selection.

### Pre-use Inspections/Handovers

Thorough examinations, Familiarisation, Pre-Use Inspection, Identify Safety Items & Controls, Defects & Emergency descent.

### Safe Operating Methods and Hazards

Travelling to the workplace, Positioning/ Terrain, SWL, Weather, Electrical Hazards, Harness Statement, Do's and Don'ts and Parking.

## 1145hrs

### Theory Test

Individual written test with explanation of pass requirements. Failure means applicant will have to re-sit the course on another day. Instructors can choose to use either Operator Theory Test Paper A or B.

## 1215 - 1245hrs

### Lunch Break

## 1245 hrs

### Practical Training

- Introduction to the Actual Machine – walk around and familiarisation with MEWP.
- Major components – identification of each component and its function.
- Pre-use Checks and Inspection – Carry out all the required checks/inspections on the following items: Tyres, main frame, turntable, fluid levels, hoses, electrical cables, booms, cage, brakes, steering, lights, travel, controls (lower/ upper), pins/retaining bolts and decals, any additional points from the machine operations manual.
- Starting/stopping the machine – correct starting and shut down procedures.
- Pre-use Function Checks – fully function the machine and carry out full emergency lowering procedure.

## **Practical Training Continued**

- Checks prior to road travel – for example: PTO disengaged, booms retracted, machine secure, e.g. no loose objects.
- Planning the route – gradients, access, overhead obstructions and ground conditions.
- Travelling the route and manoeuvring the machine (where applicable) – ensure the route is clear, use of assistant to signal, etc., practice close manoeuvring and observe correct driving practices (tail swing, etc.).
- Setting the machine for work – practice setting up, barrier off requirements, road requirements, stabiliser set-up and carry out stabiliser deployment checks.
- Basic operational practice – carry out operational functions at 76% of the operating envelope so far as it is reasonably practical, observe all safety practices.
- Typical work applications – carry out practice applications observing all safety practices.
- Parking the machine – ensure that the machine is correctly parked, engine stopped, brakes applied, keys removed and clearance of all obstacles. Correct refuelling procedures, diesel, LPG. Battery checks, charging and safety precautions.

## **1500-1515 hrs Coffee Break**

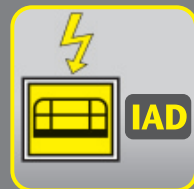
### **1515 hrs Practical Assessments**

Individual verbal questions from the operator practical verbal question paper and practical test based on the use of the MEWP Operator Practical Test Plan with explanation of pass requirements. Failure means applicant will have to re-sit the course on another day.

### **1715 hrs Course Evaluation**

Use of IPAF Log books  
(Over 5 years the log book should have at least 60 entries).

### **1730 hrs Close**



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